

Torrance, California
December 10, 1946

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance, California, convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, December 10, 1946, at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held November 26, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A statement was read from the Tide Water Associated Oil Company advising that, in conformance with Ordinance No. 1351 (which orders grantees of franchises to file a statement each year showing the total gross receipts and earnings collected or received by grantee during the preceding twelve months) no receipts or earnings were derived by said Company from the use, operation or possession of said franchise lying within the city limits of the City of Torrance for the term ending December 2, 1946. Matter of record.

A communication was read from J. J. Schillinger, Right of Way Agent of General Petroleum Corporation, 108 West Second Street, Los Angeles, California, making application for permission to post a \$500.00 bond yearly with the City of Torrance, to cover all excavation permits in the City streets, instead of making cash deposits for each excavation permit issued to them.

Upon the recommendation of City Engineer Glenn M. Jain, who advised that the issuance of the bond would save a great deal of book work which the usual procedure entailed, Councilman Tolson moved that the General Petroleum Corporation be allowed to post the \$500.00 bond with the City of Torrance. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from James W. Barker, Secretary of the Torrance Lodge No. 785, Loyal Order of Moose, 1951 Carson Street, requesting permission for the use of a City bus from 7:00 p.m. until 12 midnight, Tuesday, December 17, 1946, to transport 50 members of the Order to a district meeting in Santa Monica.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this request be granted, subject to mileage restrictions. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A Resolution, submitted by the Torrance Lions Club and signed by Frank S. Selover, was read suggesting that the City of Torrance contribute a sum of approximately \$500.00 as partial cost in presenting a Christmas party in the Civic Auditorium for the children of Torrance on December 21, 1946, in co-sponsorship with the Torrance Fire Department.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council grant the use of the Auditorium to the Lions Club and to authorize the City Clerk to set a date for the Council to meet with a committee from the Lions Club in order to further discuss the \$500.00 appropriation.

A communication was read from the Walteria Civic Organization, signed by Bessie Slonecker, Secretary, informing the City Council that they have decided not to give a Christmas party for the children of their community this year, in view of the financial condition of

the City, and the futility of asking for money from the City to aid in the staging of the party. Matter of record.

A communication was read from J. W. Venable, Jr., 2024 Gramercy Street, requesting that action be taken as soon as possible on the safety hazard which is caused by a City-owned tree on the front of his property. The roots of this tree have pushed the sidewalk up to such an extent that it proves dangerous to passersby and his family.

Councilman Powell moved that this matter be referred to the Park Department and to the City Engineer for a solution. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W. P. Walker, Post Adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Torrance Post No. 3251, requesting that the Council attempt to secure the barracks in the Lomita Flight Strip for occupancy by veterans.

Mayor Sherfey advised that he had discussed this matter with a representative from the office of Mr. Stanley Able, Federal Public Housing Authority, and subsequently, moved that the Council take the matter under consideration. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Constance Totten, Adjutant of the American Legion, requesting that the City Council act to enable all Veterans' organizations of this community to obtain the Civic Auditorium rent free. The letter stated that, since the rates have been increased, most of the Legion's activities at the Auditorium will have to be curtailed, unless some provision is made for their organization to obtain the use of the Auditorium at reduced rates or, if possible, none at all.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this communication be referred to Councilman Tolson, Chairman of the Council's committee in charge of the Auditorium, to find out just what action may be taken in this matter. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Louis S. Bosse, advising that the rent for his building at 3612 West 242nd Street, Welteria, which the City now rents for Public Library use at \$40.00 per month, will be raised to \$50.00 per month, commencing January 1, 1947.

Councilman Tolson moved that the increased rent be accepted, to be paid on a month to month basis. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Harry H. Stone, 3118 West 77th Street, Los Angeles, requesting that something be done to remedy the hazardous condition of the intersection at Redondo Beach Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard, which is extremely dangerous during foggy weather.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this problem be referred to Chief of Police John H. Stroh. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Roy E. Deeble, Jr., Secretary of the Harbor Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc., 445 E. First Street, Long Beach, advising that the Club has requested cancellation of their Public Liability Policy No. OL 16652 with the Pacific Employers Insurance Company, this Policy having carried an additional endorsement in favor of the Weston Investment Company, Inc., Torrance. This Club no longer operates the Rile Range located on the Weston property and therefore is requesting the cancellation of the policy, he stated.

Councilman Tolson moved that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to notify Mr. Weston that the Council had received a copy of this communication and that the cancellation of the Policy be made. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Verdon L. West, 25344 Pennsylvania Avenue, Box 51, Lomita, requesting the reimbursement of the sum of \$21.00 for sewer permit, No. 1828, for which he found there was no need.

Councilman Tolson moved that this communication be referred to City Engineer Jain. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from M. Gifford of the Labor Herald, 5851 Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles, inquiring whether or not a greeting from the City of Torrance is to be included in their big Christmas Edition, which will be issued on December 20, 1946; the cost of said insertion to be \$25.00.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to notify Mr. Gifford of the City's financial condition and inability to place the greeting this year, and to express the hope that next year may find the City able to carry on the custom as usual. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Raymond V. Darby, member of the Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles, inquiring as to what action has been taken in the opening and widening of Western Avenue. He advised that, since the State Legislature has granted the amount of \$90,400,000.00 for use by the cities and counties of the State, Torrance should be able to go ahead with this project.

City Engineer Jain advised orally that, although a deposit of \$2615.00 has been made from the General Fund of the City for the purchase of the rights of way on Western Avenue, none has been made for construction and cannot be for some time, owing to the necessity of satisfying sewer needs first. He stated that \$90,000.00 have been allocated from the State Reconstruction Employment Fund which can be used for needy projects. \$18,200.00 of this amount has been allocated to the County Sanitation District for the construction of County sewer trunk lines, and the balance is to be used for City trunk lines and interceptor lines.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Engineer be authorized to notify Supervisor Darby of the action taken by the Council to allocate all State aid moneys to sewer projects until the sewerage system needs are satisfied, and to outline the sewer plans for his benefit. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from John H. Stroh, Chairman of the City Employees Retirement Association, requesting that immediate action be taken to incorporate the City of Torrance with the State Retirement System before January 1, 1947. He advised that two surveys have already been made at a cost of \$350.00 each, and that if action is taken before the first of the year this Retirement Plan will begin as of July 1, 1946, which will not involve the current budget, and another survey will be avoided. He further stated that more than 1700 voters have endorsed this plan.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be referred to the Council as a whole and that a meeting be arranged as soon as possible so that a report may be ready for the next regular meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Chief of Police, John H. Stroh, recommending that the Yellow Cab Company be sold to Mr. Fred P. Flowers and Hazel V. Flowers and that a license be issued them. He also recommended that the license of Mrs. Marie Frohman be cancelled as of December 10, 1946.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Chief Stroh's recommendations be concurred in by the Council. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, requesting that Mr. William H. Murphey be re-appointed for another ninety day period as "Transportation Engineer", and that a rate of salary be decided upon for the position of "Bus Manager" so that an examination may be called for that position in order to fill the vacancy.

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Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Murphey be reappointed for ninety days and that the City Clerk notify the Civil Service Board that they may call for an examination for "Bus Manager", carrying a salary of \$350.00 per month for the probationary period, and \$400.00 per month afterward. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, advising that the Chief of Police and the Civil Service Board have approved the request of Patrolman George Dolton for a six months' leave of absence, without pay, commencing October 15, 1946, for rest and recuperation, upon the advice of his physician.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Council concur in the action of the Board and the Chief of Police. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that a revised Tentative Map of Tract No. 14571 was presented by the Metro Construction Company for consideration. It was approved upon the conditions that an additional thirty (30') foot right-of-way be dedicated for the future extension of 186th Street and that other streets shown in the tract should be improved for their full width.

Councilman Tolson moved that the action of the Planning Commission be concurred in by the Council. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that the Petition for Variance, Case No. 67, of Peggy A. Grubb, to permit the division of the south 102 feet of Lot 3, Block 7, Tract No. 2761, into three building sites of lesser area than that now required by the Land Use Ordinance was considered and denied.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the action of the Planning Commission be concurred in by the Council. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that the Petition for Variance, Case No. 66 of Jack Oreskovich, for permission to construct and operate an automobile repair garage at 3743 West 190th Street, was considered and granted, subject to the restrictions that the use would not include dismantling of cars, that the building would be placed at least 110 feet from the centerline of 190th Street and not be of unsightly construction.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Torrance City Planning Commission, stating that the Petition for Variance, Case No. 65 of the Community Airports, Inc., for permission to construct and operate a gasoline service station at the southwest corner of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, was considered and granted, subject to the conditions required for service stations in C-1 (Retail Commercial) Zone, at a regular meeting of the Commission held December 3, 1946.

Mr. E. W. Blackwood of North Torrance requested information regarding the procedure for protesting the decision of the Planning Commission with reference to Case No. 65. During the ensuing discussion, Engineer Jain brought out the fact that anyone wishing to make a protest to a decision of the Planning Commission on a Petition for Variance must first file an appeal with the City Clerk within ten days after such decision is rendered. He stated that the appellant must own property within 300' of the proposed construction. The appeal is then to be read by the City Clerk at the City Council's next regular meeting, at which time a date is to be set

for a public hearing, to be held not less than 15 days and not more than 40 days from the time the appeal was read. The appeal is then to be published at least once in the newspaper and notices of the hearing sent to all persons owning property within 300' of the proposed construction at least ten days before the date set for the public hearing.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Engineer Jain be authorized to notify interested persons whether or not they have a right to make an appeal in the above-manner. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, advising that the Commission, at its regular meeting held December 3, 1946, had granted an extension of not to exceed three months for the temporary permit granted Setsuo Masaki Case No. 50, to maintain eight (8) house trailers, without wheels, upon the property at 2000 Market Street. The present school building, which should have been converted into an apartment house during the five months since the original Variance was granted, is unaltered to date. The Building Department was instructed to notify the Petitioner that conversion of the school building shall be started at once. It was further recommended by the Commission that the operator of the property be brought into court for violation of the State and Local Ordinances if he did not immediately comply with them in the reconstruction of the apartments.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, asking that a census be requested from the Federal government, in order to benefit by the increased apportionment of gasoline taxes and other taxes available to the City, which are at present based upon population. He advised that those Cities which are now benefiting by these taxes have gained considerably more than the actual cost of the original census, and requested that immediate steps be taken to secure this increase in revenue for the City of Torrance.

Councilman Powell moved that City Engineer Jain be authorized to contact the United States Bureau of Census, requesting an official census of the City of Torrance in order to obtain the proper allocation of this revenue. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 382

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE PRESENCE OF MINORS IN PUBLIC STREETS AND OTHER PLACES; DEFINING DUTIES OF PARENTS OR OTHERS HAVING THE CARE OF MINORS; REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 345 AND NO. 359 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Councilman Gilbert moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 382 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 382 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

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ORDINANCE NO. 383AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 378.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 383 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 383 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 384AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING SECTION 12 OF ORDINANCE
NO. 379.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 384 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 384 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 385AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, REGULATING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS
FOR WATER CONNECTIONS, METER SERVICES, WATER
RATES, DEPOSITS, DELINQUENCIES AND DISCONTINU-
ANCE OF WATER SERVICE.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 385 be dispensed with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 385 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1811A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FOR THE
PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST
OF SUCH BONDS, AND ESTABLISHING FUNDS.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1811 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1811 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson,

Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1812

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA
DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH
NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS
FOR \$174,000 BONDS OF MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1812 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1812 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$100.00 be made for the purchase of a camera for use by the Police Department. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$114.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of thirty (30) gallons of outside white paint, for use in painting street barricades. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$225.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of road materials for resurfacing Bailey Drive, between 182nd Street and Hickman Drive. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$560.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of road materials for resurfacing Hickman Drive, between Prairie Avenue and Bailey Drive. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$1500.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of road materials for shoulders on Torrance Boulevard west of Crenshaw Boulevard. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that all bids for the purchase of Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 14, Torrance Tract, which are situated on the corner of El Prado Street and Cravens Avenue, be rejected, and that all money deposited for the lots with the City be returned. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that action on the closing of the recreation building on Fern Street be delayed until the matter has been discussed further, and that a report on the matter be given

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at the next regular meeting. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$652.92 be made for the purchase of the following items for installation at the American Radiator Company at Greshaw and 203rd Street; purchase having been recommended by the Water Department:

- 1 - 6" Sparling meter compound
- 1 - 12" x 6" Cast Iron tee, all bell
- 1 - 12" x 8" " " " " "

Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$61.69 be made for expenses in connection with the Dedication of "Zamperini Air Strip" on Saturday, December 7, 1946. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$762.48 be made for advertising and promotion expense for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$481.40 be made for Fire and Theft Insurance coverage of the City Bus Fleet. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$185.53 be made for the purchase of one (1) 4" Water Meter to be installed at the American Rock Wool Corporation plant on Arlington Avenue. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the bid of Rennselaer Valve Company for gate valves, Item 5, for Municipal Water District No. 1, in the amount of \$2,647.87 be accepted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the bid of the James Jones Company, Inc., for fire hydrants, Item 6a, for Municipal Water District No. 1, in the amount of \$679.25 be accepted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the bid of Southern Pipe and Casing Company for steel pipe and fittings, Items 1 to 3h, for Municipal Water District No. 1, in the amount of \$41,948.64 be accepted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the agreements of Grinnell Company and Crane Company will be forwarded for acceptance at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$150.00 be made for Janitor Supplies for Civic Buildings. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following

roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. L. A. Mann of North Torrance addressed the City Council with the request that she be informed whether or not the telephones in the new subdivisions on 182nd Street and 186th Street will be under Torrance or Menlo exchanges. She also expressed the hope that something will be done as soon as possible about house numbering, which is causing great confusion; and also that post office and gas and water facilities will be improved upon.

Mayor Sherfey remarked that the same situation now exists in Walteria and that he hoped within the year the problems of both these districts will be solved.

Mr. Richard Miller, representative of the 20-30 Club of Torrance, brought to the attention of the Councilmen the financial report of the proposed Torrance float entry in the Pasadena Rose Parade on January 1, 1947, the report showing a need of approximately \$500.00 for the purchase of flowers. He expressed the hope that the Council might appropriate this amount for the City's contribution to the entry.

Mrs. Lela Gonner, 18002 Prairie Avenue, inquired of Engineer Jain whether or not the new subdivisions in North Torrance will be qualified for County sewer aid, to which he replied that it was planned to construct a main trunk sewer on 182nd Street and that both County and State aid would be requested on this project, the balance to be paid from an assessment district, chargeable to property on both sides of 182nd Street. Mrs. Gonner stated that she was pleased to see progress being made.

Mr. George Thatcher of Walteria advised the Council that he and the other members of the Lions Club are very anxious to receive a definite answer from the Council in regard to the Christmas Party appropriation of \$500.00.

Mayor Sherfey announced at this time that the Council would hold a meeting immediately following adjournment to discuss this matter with members of the Lions Club; and also to discuss the appropriation for the Float with members of the 20-30 Club.

Mr. H. R. Donley of Manhattan Beach who is a District Member of the 20-30 Club, spoke in behalf of the Float, stating that a great deal of hard work has gone into the project already, that it will be successful only when the flowers are obtained and that money for the flowers must be raised right away.

Mr. R. I. Plomert, Tax Consultant of General Petroleum Corporation and member of the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce related to the assemblage the hearty approval of the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the Float, stating that he hoped it would be a success.

Mr. James Evans, proprietor of the Evans Gift Shop on Marcelina, declared his disapproval of the new City Sales Tax, which, he stated, is costing him more money than he is able to cover by the intake of his small scale business. He inquired of Mayor Sherfey if the tax rate card which had been issued him was correct in its figures, to which Mayor Sherfey replied that the figures were the same as those on all other cards issued to businessmen in Torrance. Mr. Evans retired to his seat, stating that he would have to take the matter up with the State.

Mr. Jack Miller, 1217 Cota Avenue, asked the Council to act upon the matter of the proposed Float tonight, if possible.

The matter of house numbering was again brought up, at which time Engineer Jain advised that the County of Los Angeles has already offered a contract, the cost of which will be around \$1500.00.

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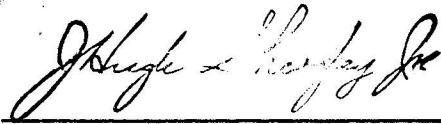
Mayor Sherfey asked Engineer Jain to check on the amount and report to the Council at its next regular meeting.

Councilman Tolson moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:50 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Tolson, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE